

Card Making for Veterans

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Project Goal

This project aims to lift the spirits of veterans at Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval Hospital, and the VA Hospital with simple cards.

Project Components

Planning is really easy. You just need some construction paper (or plain white typing paper), crayons, markers, some stickers and an imagination and you're all set.

How Many Volunteers?

Any number! From one to hundreds. We've done this project with a lot of volunteers; we've done this project with a few volunteers.

Time Commitment

When we do this we ask each volunteer to commit to doing an hour worth of making cards. If they come with us to deliver the cards it takes about an hour or so.

Expenses

We generally spend about \$50. However, a lot of that is a one-time expense for crayons and color materials. But plan on buying a new pack of coloring materials every 4th time you do this.

Publicity

Very little publicity needs to be done. This is a great project to do as a backup plan, or to add a service component to a party.

Challenges

Biggest challenge occurs when we don't have an adequate count of participants and we run out of space/crayons/markers for everyone.

Results

If done right, this is a win-win for everyone. The participants get a chance to express their artistic side, and veterans get a card to cheer them up.

Tips/Key Steps:

Have suggestions for the participants on how to make their cards. Imagination needs a spark. Have common card phrases typed out to help participants with spelling. Use the non-stick glue if at all possible. Praise and compliment the work of the young people.



Points of Interest

- > This project also aims to connect the current generation with seniors.

